



# NEWS RELEASE

## Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland

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### **National Forest Christmas Tree Permits Available**

(Laramie, Wyo) Christmas tree permits are available at all Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest offices in Colorado and Wyoming for \$10.00 each. Each permit allows for the cutting of one tree on National Forest System Lands. There is a limit of five permits per household. Trees must be for personal use, not for resale. The permit must be clearly displayed around the trunk of the tree before leaving the cutting area.

Some areas of the Forest are closed to tree cutting or may be difficult to access, so please contact the local Forest Service office for specific site information, including the status of roads. Pole Mountain/Veedauwoo area between Cheyenne and Laramie continues to be closed to Christmas tree cutting. The Centennial Visitor center will be open Saturdays and Sundays Nov. 27 - Dec. 12 for Christmas tree permit sales. On the Douglas Ranger District, the Esterbrook area, and the area around Harris Memorial Park, are off limits for Christmas tree cutting.

The Forest Service would also like to emphasize that active timber sales and Wilderness areas -- Platte River, Savage Run, Huston Park and Encampment River -- are off limits to tree cutting.

Weather conditions can change quickly, so please be prepared. Dress for winter conditions and have your vehicle equipped with adequate tires, chains and a shovel. Here are reminders when cutting your tree:

- Trees may not be cut within 100 feet of roads or within 200 feet of campgrounds, picnic areas, scenic pullouts, administrative sites, timber sale areas or designated Wilderness areas.
- Choose a tree that is growing with other trees in a cluster. Do not choose the "perfect" tree that stands alone. The forest environment benefits by thinning the clusters and allowing the strong trees to remain and provide for a healthy genetic source for the future forest.

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- Maximum tree height is 20 feet.
- Cut tree six inches or less above the ground, or below the lowest living branch, whichever is lower. If one living branch is left on the stump, the tree will continue to grow, although it will probably become deformed and encourage disease.
- If boughs are wanted, please choose a taller tree than needed (maximum 20 feet) and use the lower branches for boughs. Please do not cut boughs from other living trees.

Tree cutting regulations have been established to maintain a healthy forest environment. For more information, contact your local Forest Service office.

Laramie Ranger District Office Mon – Fri 8-4:30

2468 Jackson Street  
Laramie, Wyo  
(307-745-2300)

Centennial Visitor Center  
Nov 27 through Dec. 12 Sat – Sun 10 – 2  
Hwy 130 located one mile west of Centennial, Wyo.

Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District Office Mon – Fri 7:30- 4:30  
5556 State Highway 130  
Saratoga, Wyo  
(307-326-5258)

Douglas Ranger District Office                      Mon – Fri 8 - 4:30 (closed  
12-1 p.m)\_  
2250 E. Richards St.  
Douglas, Wyo  
(307-358-4690)